

# Preserve Cultural Resources



## Conserve old fruit tree varieties

Just like building structures, former fruit orchards are remnants of the old settlements. Many of the fruit varieties found in these orchards have disappeared outside the training areas. In recent years, we have planted hundreds of heirloom fruit tree cultivars to conserve these varieties for future generations.



## Preserve historic village structures

There are more than 100 abandoned settlements within Hohenfels and Grafenwoehr training areas. Building foundations, as well as ruins of chapels and cemeteries, are the only witnesses of former village life.

Some of the structures are being preserved for future generations.



## Protect archaeological sites and monuments

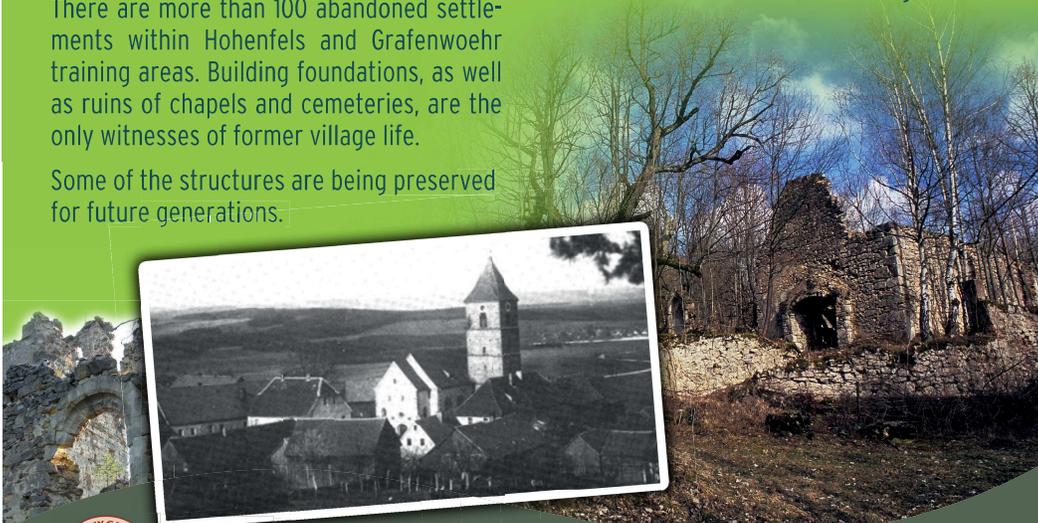
When Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels training areas were established, local villages had to be abandoned and several hundred families lost their homes. Remnants of these old settlements still exist and are now listed as protected cultural resources. We coordinate between proponents of construction projects, training activities, and host nation authorities to ensure compliance with monument protection laws.



## Additional benefits

Former orchards and building structures provide habitats for endangered species:

- Owls, hornets, and bats live in cavities of old fruit trees.
- The extremely rare greater horseshoe bat is found in former basements and churches of Hohenfels Training Area.



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